

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/521,918

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 8/11/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 3-5.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached.
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

NGUYEN T. HA
PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The examiner acknowledges the applicants submission of the amendment dated 8/11/2006. At this point, claims 1, and 3-5 have been amended, claim 2 has been cancelled. Thus, claims 1, and 3-5 are pending in the instant application.

Response to Arguments

2. The applicant's argument that Maeda et al. is silent with respect to a capacitor element comprising a first side surface is connected to the second end surface via a first beveled or rounded surface, the third side surface is connected to the second end surface via a second beveled or rounded surface, the second side surface meeting the second end surface along a first edge line, the fourth side surface meeting the second end surface along a second edge line, and the solid electrolyte film and the cathode-side electrode film bulging to a greater extent along the first and second edge lines than along the first and second beveled or round surfaces. The examiner finds this argument persuasive. Therefore, the examiner made decision to allow this limitation over the prior art of record:

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1, and 3-5 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With respect to claims 1, and 3-5, the prior art alone or in combination does not teach the limitation of a capacitor element comprising a first side surface is connected to the second end surface via a first beveled or rounded surface, the third side surface is

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connected to the second end surface via a second beveled or rounded surface, the second side surface meeting the second end surface along a first edge line, the fourth side surface meeting the second end surface along a second edge line, and the solid electrolyte film and the cathode-side electrode film bulging to a greater extent along the first and second edge lines than along the first and second beveled or round surfaces.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Citation Relevant of Prior Art

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

a. Nakamura et al. (US 5,483,415) disclose solid electrolytic capacitor and method of making the same.

b. Kuriyama (US 5,461,538) disclose capacitor element for solid electrolytic capacitor.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nguyen T. Ha whose telephone number is 571-272-1974. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30AM to 6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dean Reichard can be reached on 571-272-2800 ext. 31. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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